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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9506

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

UNCLAS KHARTOUM 0569

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CVIS, SU

SUBJECT: AIRLINE REFUSAL TO TRANSPORT VALID VISA HOLDER

REF: LONDON 3408; KHARTOUM 0525

1. EMBASSY DISAPPOINTED WITH FORMALISTIC TWA RESPONSE TO EMBASSY LONDON'S INQUIRIES ABOUT SUBJECT CASE. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IATA TRAVEL INFORMATION MANUAL IS A GUIDE THAT SHOULD NOT BE PRESUMED TO TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER A NATION'S GOVERNING LAWS GOVERNING USE OF PASSPORTS IT ISSUES, AND TWA HAD BENEFIT OF FIRST-HAND CONFIRMATION FROM GOS OFFICIAL (COUNSELOR OF SUDANESE EMBASSY) THAT PASSPORT WAS VALID FOR UNACCOMPANIED TRAVEL. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY TWA DID NOT SEEK ADVICE OF AMEMBASSY LONDON (WHICH COULD HAVE QUERIED THIS EMBASSY) BEFORE ISSUING FINAL REFUSAL TO MRS. MUSTAFA.

2. WISH TO POINT OUT THAT MRS. MUSTAFA HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COURTEOUS AND COOPERATIVE IN DEALINGS WITH CONSULAR SECTION. HER OBJECTIVE IS SIMPLE, NAMELY TO GET HERSELF AND CHILD TO U.S. TO JOIN HUSBAND. SHE HAS NOW OBTAINED NEW PASSPORT IN HER OWN NAME, WHICH ACTION LEGALLY QUITE UNNECESSARY ON HER PART, SIMPLY TO AVOID POTENTIAL FUTURE PROBLEMS. HER REMAINING MAJOR PROBLEM IS SECURING TRANSPORT BACK TO LONDON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEPT. CONSIDER RAISING MATTER WITH TWA HOME OFFICE, CITING QUESTIONABLE UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTION ON PART TWA LONDON, PLIGHT IN WHICH MRS. MUSTAFA

AND CHILD FIND SELVES AS A CONSEQUENCE, AND PUBLIC  
RELATIONS ASPECTS OF CASE. (SUDAN AIRWAYS, WHICH TAKING ITS  
SHARE OF UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY, IS KHARTOUM AGENT FOR TWA.)  
WOULD HOPE TWA CAN SEE WAY CLEAR TO PROVIDING ONE-WAY TICKETS  
KHARTOUM-LONDON TO ENABLE MRS. MUSTAFA AND CHILD JOIN STUDENT  
HUSBAND IN U.S.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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